

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year the Governor and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education jointly sponsor two “Governor’s Professor of the Year Awards.” One of these awards is conferred on a faculty member at a South Carolina public or private eleemosynary senior college or university. The other is conferred on a faculty member at a public or private eleemosynary two-year institution of higher learning. Each person recognized as a Governor’s Professor of the Year receives a formal citation and a monetary award for five-thousand dollars, presented during a ceremony hosted by the Governor’s office. In addition, the winners and the institutional nominees are recognized at a luncheon at which a limited number of “finalists” also receive awards of five-hundred dollars.

Each public and private eleemosynary institution in South Carolina is eligible to nominate a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional teaching performance. The Governor’s office and the Commission on Higher Education establish a committee (including representatives from these offices and from appropriate civic, business, government, and academic organizations) who select the two Professors of the Year.

Using the nomination form link [**NOMINATION FORM**](#), each institution is invited to download the application form and submit a nomination from its faculty. The form and all supporting information must be received at the offices of the Commission on Higher Education by Wednesday, **July 2, 2008** at 5:00 p.m. Also, provided is a copy of the [**CRITERIA**](#) (in decreasing order of importance) for choosing candidates to be interviewed as finalists. **Experience shows that application portfolios developed through a shared institutional process tend to be stronger.** Likewise, the selection of finalists in the past has been significantly influenced by the inclusion of materials that focus on the special qualities that show a candidate to be not only outstanding but also distinctive from other nominees. **Nominations observing the deadline and limitation of five 8½” x 11” pages are given preference in the selection process.**

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